Annexure No. 65 and 66]. These would convey an idea of dispartities between various States.

(c) Eighth Plan is yet to be finalised. Reduction of regional disparities would continue to receive special attention of Government in the Eighth Plan.

Post offices and telephone facilities in Uttar Pradesh

809. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of new post offices opened in Uttar Pradesh during the current year ; and

(b) what is the number of villages in Uttar Pradesh provided with telephone facilities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) During the period 1-4-1989 to 30-6-1989, 259 new post offices were opened in Uttar Pra desh.

(b) During the same period, telephone facilities were provided in 5 villages.

AIDS cases

810. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state what was the number of AIDS cases detected in the country during the last two months ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : One full blown AIDS case (foreigner) has been detected in the country during the last two months and the patient had died.

Payment of prorata wages to extra departmental employees

811. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2837 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th March, 1989 and state :

(a) the average total amount of prorata wages paid to an Extra Departmental Mailman working in New Delhi RMS and Madras TMO for performing additional duties beyond five hours for the period from 1-1-88 to 30-6-89 ; and

(b) whether prorata wages would also be paid to the other extra departmental employees on the same pattern for performing duties beyond five hours ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) The information is given below :

(i) *In New Delhi RMS*—The average amount paid to an Extra Departmental Mailman for the additional duties as casual labour is Rs. 383·60 P.M.

(ii) *In Madras TMO*—No Extra-Departmental agent is brought on duty beyond 5 hour. Hence the payment is 'NIL'.

(b) In the exigencise of service, Extra-Departmental Employees when required to work outside their working hours can be engaged as casual labourers add paid for such work at the rates applicable for the casual labourers.

Absorption of E.D. employees

812. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state what